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INFO ALL EC CAPITALS

AMEMBASSY OTTAWA

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AMCONSUL HONG KONG

USMISSION GENEVA

AMEMBASSY BRASILIA

AMEMBASSY KUALA LUMPUR

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AMEMBASSY MADRID

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1. EC COMMISSION REGULATION NO. 716/78 OF APRIL 7, PUBLISHED IN THE OFFICIAL JOURNAL, VOLUME 21, L 94, OF APRIL 8, 1978, PROVIDES FOR THE INSTALLATION OF A SURVEILLANCE SYSTEM, BASED ON A REQUEST TO IMPORT, FOR ALL FOOTWEAR FROM BRAZIL, HONG KONG, SOUTH KOREA, MALAYSIA, PAKISTAN, SPAIN, TAIWAN, CHINA, CZECHOSLOVAKIA, POLAND AND ROMANIA. THE SYSTEM, SCHEDULED TO COME INTO

EFFECT MAY 1, WILL REPLACE AN AFTER-THE-FACT STATISTICAL SURVEILLANCE SYSTEM IN EFFECT FOR CERTAIN TYPES OF FOOTWEAR SINCE 1975.

2. THE REGULATION, COPIES OF WHICH ARE AVAILABLE IN THE DEPARTMENT, EUR/RPE, NOTES THAT IMPORTS, PARTICULARLY FROM CERTAIN COUNTRIES, HAVE INCREASED CONSIDERABLY IN RECENT YEARS AND THAT PROTECTIVE MEASURES TAKEN BY MAJOR INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRIES RECENTLY MAY RESULT IN DIVERSION TO THE EC MARKET. IT PROVIDES THAT IMPORTERS SHALL REQUEST FROM MEMBER STATES AN IMPORT DOCUMENT, TO BE VALID FOR THREE MONTHS, AND ADDS THAT, UNDER EC REGULATIONS, THIS DOCUMENT MUST BE GRANTED FOR ANY QUANTITY REQUESTED AND WITHIN A MAXIMUM WAITING PERIOD OF FIVE WORKING DAYS. MEMBER STATES WILL BE REQUIRED TO REPORT QUANTITIES AND VALUE OF IMPORTS TO THE COMMISSION.

3. COMMISSION OFFICIALS HAVE BEEN UNDER INDUSTRY AND MEMBER STATE PRESSURE FOR SOME TIME TO TAKE ACTION TO CONTROL FOOTWEAR IMPORTS INTO THE EC. THEY STATE THAT THIS PRESSURE HAS INTENSIFIED AS OTHER MAJOR IMPORTERS, MOST RECENTLY CANADA, HAVE TAKEN ACTION TO RESTRICT ACCESS TO THEIR MARKETS. ACCORDING TO A RESPONSIBLE COMMISSION OFFICIAL, THE NEW SURVEILLANCE MEASURES SHOULD MEET DOMESTIC CONCERNS WHILE NOT RESTRICTING IMPORTS. HE ADDED THAT THE COMMISSION HOPES TO REPLACE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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THE SURVEILLANCE SYSTEM WITH A MORE FLEXIBLE ONE UPON ITS EXPIRATION IN OCTOBER 1978.

4. SAME OFFICIAL CONFIRMS PRESS REPORTS THAT COMMISSION OFFICIALS HAVE HAD CONTACT WITH GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS OF HONG KONG AND SOUTH KOREA AND WITH BUSINESS INTERESTS FROM TAIWAN TO EXPRESS EC DESIRE THAT EXPORTS PREVENTED FROM ENTERING US, CANADA OR OTHER INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRY MARKETS BECAUSE OF RESTRICTIONS OR BILATERAL AGREEMENTS NOT BE DIVERTED TO EC MARKETS. HE SAID THAT EC IS NOT PRESENTLY PLANNING TO SEEK QUANTITATIVE AGREEMENTS WITH THESE COUNTRIES, WHICH HE IDENTIFIED AS MAJOR INDUSTRY CONCERN, BUT WILL BE WATCHING TRADE FIGURES. HE ADDED THAT WHILE EXPORTS FROM ALL THREE HAVE BEEN INCREASING THROUGH 1977, HONG KONG RATE OF GROWTH HAS BEEN MORE MODERATE THAN THAT OF OTHER TWO. HINTON

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